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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Salem Basendwah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen, on the situation in Yemen.

I would appreciate it if the enclosed statement is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Annex

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen presents its compliments to the Ambassadors of the States permanent members of the Security Council and of the other States members of the Council, as well as to the Office of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme at Sana'a, and has the honour to transmit to them the attached list of violations committed by the separatist rebels following the decision taken by H.E. the Chairman of the Presidential Council following his meeting with the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to cease hostilities as of 6 p.m. on Thursday, 9 June 1994.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would also like to recall that the cease-fire has already been violated twice by the separatist rebels. Instructions had in fact been given to the Ministry of Defence to cease hostilities for a period of 72 hours beginning on 20 May 1994 in observance of the feast of Id al-Adha and the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Yemen. A cease-fire was also ordered on 6 June 1994, but the separatist forces completely disregarded these two initiatives and violated the cease-fire in both cases, as they have done just now.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Missions concerned would report this information to their respective Governments and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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Enclosure

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

Cease-fire violations

Pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolution, we were ordered to impose a cease-fire at 6 p.m. on 9 June 1994. This order was transmitted to all the parties concerned.

However, we have been surprised to learn that the cease-fire has been violated by the separatist rebels. Listed below are the major violations as reported to us by the sector commandos:

1. Bayda/Abyan

(a) At 8.40 p.m. on 9 June 1994, the separatists violated the cease-fire by attacking the 56th Armoured Division. At 8.50 p.m. they fired several missiles at Division positions. It should be noted that this firing continues, although the 56th Armoured Division is unable to return fire;

(b) At 9.30 p.m. on 9 June 1994, the separatist renegade forces continued to fire at the 56th Division;

(c) At 8.25 a.m. on 10 June 1994, the separatist renegade forces shelled the 56th Armoured Division using aircraft, artillery and missiles;

(d) Giant Division: Our forces were subjected to an aerial attack and subjected to artillery and missile fire by the separatist renegade forces;

(e) At 9.01 p.m. on 9 June 1994, Giant Division: the separatist renegade forces violated the cease-fire by firing on our positions in all sectors;

(f) At 12.25 p.m., the separatists launched an artillery and missile attack, which is still in progress against the 56th Division;

(g) 2nd Armoured Division: at 12.25 p.m., the separatists launched an artillery and missile attack against our positions, but we are continuing to observe the cease-fire.

2. Al-And/Lahej/Aden sector: Unusual troop movements by the separatist renegade forces were observed in the direction of the 3rd Division and neighbouring divisions in the Dar Saad area.

3. 1st Infantry Division: Violation of the cease-fire by separatist renegade forces.

4. 1st Armoured Brigade command: At 9 p.m. on 9 June 1994, an enemy formation composed of tanks and mobile "katyusha" rocket-launchers was observed east of the town of Al-Howta attempting to surround the village of Al-Hamrah in order to encircle our forces.

5. Camp Khaled: At 7 a.m. on 10 June 1994, the separatist renegade forces from the Salah al-Din garrison violated the cease-fire.

6. Ateq/Mukalla sector:

(a) At 10.20 a.m. on 10 June 1994, separatist renegade aircraft bombed our forces at Mayfaa Hajr and our front lines. No losses were reported, but the separatist renegades are continuing their artillery fire.

(b) At 7.19 a.m., the separatists began to shell our forces, but we are observing the provisions of the cease-fire.

7. 8th Commando Division: On 10 June 1994, separatist renegade artillery and aircraft continued to shell our forces, in violation of the cease-fire.